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1. [] LIAISON Met with Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, and briefed him on the Moscow Embassy situation and another sensitive matter.

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2. [] BRIEFING Bob Mantel, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, called to advise that Senators Hubert Humphrey (D., Minn.) and Clifford P. Case (R., N.J.) had designated himself, Steve Bryan and Geoffrey Kemp to undertake a trip to Iran to writeup a "Moose/Lowenstein type of report" and wanted an Agency briefing, preferably Thursday morning, in preparation for their trip. In response to my query, he said they have already been in touch with State Department and Defense Department for similar briefings. The bottom line appears to be whether our military assistance to Iran is becoming the determinant of U.S. policy and they would like to get some insight into the internal situation in Iran, i.e., stability, economics and political forces. [] OCI, has tentatively lined up a team composed of representatives from OCI and OER.

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3. [] BRIEFING Met with George Berdes, House International Relations Committee staff, who wanted a briefing for Representative Clement Zablocki (D., Wis.) and himself on the situation in the Moscow Embassy. I did explain to Berdes that certain of our findings do not support the sensationalized reporting in the press and told him that our assessment was only part of the picture. I suggested he might do better by getting the full picture from State Department. He asked if I could suggest a name for him to contact but said that even so, Mr. Zablocki would like to have our evaluation of the health hazards since they are getting a number of calls of concern from State employees who have served in Moscow. Later, I called Berdes and told him to contact Kempton Jenkins, Congressional Relations, Department of State, and Berdes repeated that Mr. Zablocki and he would like to have a session with us sometime next week.

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12. [] LIAISON Called George Murphy, Executive Director, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, and closed out the one follow-up question from my session with him yesterday on the Moscow Embassy situation and told him that nuclear energy was not involved.

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13. [] LIAISON Met with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, Frank Slatinshek, House Armed Services Committee staff, and Ed Braswell, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, to brief them on a sensitive matter. Their reactions varied but it was quite clear that Chairman Lucien Nedzi, Special Subcommittee on Intelligence, House Armed Services Committee, will want to hear further from us on this situation when he returns to town early next week.

I also discussed with Braswell the prospects of the oversight legislation now being considered by the Senate Government Operations Committee.

I discussed with Preston the possibility of further discussions with Charles Snodgrass, House Appropriations Committee staff, on DIV/D programs and Preston said although he was not sure he would have time to participate, he would appreciate an invitation to participate.

Neither Jim Calloway or Guy McConnell, both of the Senate Appropriations Committee staff, were available because the Senate is now in recess, but I visited their office and said we did want to bring something to their attention soonest and we would see if we could try to make contact with them soon.

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10. [] LIAISON Called John Childers, Minority Counsel, Senate Government Operations Committee. Childers said the Committee staff would meet this week in an attempt to narrow differences between the Senators on the major oversight issues. Childers had written a detailed memorandum for Senator Charles Percy (R., Ill.) explaining all the issues and options, and after he receives Senator Percy's views on these issues, he wants to meet with me to obtain our reactions. Childers agreed with me that Senator Howard Baker (R., Tenn.) has taken a middle position between the Administration's wishes and the Church bill, S. 2893, and he said he thought Senator Percy's views might be similar to those of Senator Baker.

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11. [] LIAISON Spoke with Robert Hunter, on the staff of Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D., Mass.), and told him that we had located [] an item which mentioned Senator Kennedy's condolences at the death of Cho En-lai. I told him we would be happy to send him a copy.

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13. [] LIAISON Chris Lee, on the staff of Representative Ralph S. Regula (R., Ohio), called to inform us that the Congressman had placed a salute to Mr. Colby in the Extension of Remarks section of the 2 February Congressional Record. He asked if we could be sure that it was brought to Mr. Colby's attention and I promised him that we would do so and expressed appreciation for the Congressman's comments.

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14. [] LIAISON Regarding contacts by the Congressional Budget Office, I called Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, who confirmed that Chairman John McClellan (D., Texas) is not about to release budget information concerning CIA to the Budget Office or committees but McConnell, of course, could see no problem with our providing substantive intelligence briefings to these bodies as we do other committees of the Congress.

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19. [] LIAISON Took a call from Tim Miller, on the staff of Senator J. Glenn Beall, Jr. (R., Md.), who said that the Senator was interested in introducing a bill to protect agents and employees of the Agency. He said he had a copy of Representative Robert H. Michel's (R., Ill.) bill and thought he could clean it up a bit and make it tighter by pointing out just who would be endangered by releases such as the ones appearing in Counter-Spy. In response to his questions, I gave him the citations to the National Security Act of 1947, the CIA Act of 1949, and Executive Order 11652. I explained that Senator Lloyd Bentsen (D., Texas) on 4 February introduced a bill similar to that of Representative Michel's and suggested that he might want to look at that also. I also told him that I would have Bill Barr, of this office, who was working in this area, call him.

20. [] LIAISON Talked with Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, about the continuation of inquiries ~~we have been receiving from the Congressional Budget Office and the Budget Committees~~ about clearing some of their people for access to our material. I told him Mr. Plummer's, DOD, office had also been contacted. I told him we were anxious to stay in close touch with our Appropriations Committees about the extent of our discussions with the Budget Office and Budget Committees and wondered if he had any thoughts on the subject. I recalled that in our conversations with our Appropriations Committee staffers at the time the budget committees were being organized, they felt that these committees should have no affect on CIA. McConnell retains that feeling and said he knew that the Chairman would not give budget figures (not even the total community or Agency figures) to the Senate Budget Committee. The inference certainly was that we would not give it to them either. I thanked McConnell for his reactions.

McConnell asked me again about [] replacement on the IC Staff. I told him again that it was Hank Knoche and I was sure that Hank would be up to see him soon although I knew he had been extremely involved as all of us have in the current reorganization and other problems.

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